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BIOMETRIC MONEY DISPENSING MACHINES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Biometric Money Dispensing (BMD) machines across the country by replacing conventional Automated Teller Machines (ATMs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and
- (c) the funds earmarked for setting up such BMD machines?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Namo Narain Meena)

(a) to (c):- The banks install ATMs as per their assessed need and Business Plan. Banks also install ATMs with Biometric Authentication after assessing the specific needs and requirement, particularly in areas where the customers might have difficulty in using PIN based authentication. Installation of ATMs is part of the business activity of the banks and no funds are earmarked by the Government to be provided to banks for this purpose.